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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of A.B. Neil, Jr.

WHEREAS, members of this General Assembly were saddened to learn of the death of a distinguished and beloved Tennessean, Mr. Albert Bramlett "A.B." Neil, Jr., the clerk to the Tennessee Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neil will live eternally in the hearts and minds of many, as he was a prominent attorney, esteemed public servant, and a friend to the community; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Mr. Neil was the son of Josephine Pendleton Neil and Albert Bramlett Neil, Sr., former Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, he attended Nashville public schools, Duncan Preparatory School, and Castle Heights Military Academy, after which he courageously served in the United States Army and Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from the war, Mr. Neil enrolled in Vanderbilt University where he obtained his undergraduate and law degrees and was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, he embarked upon a successful legal career in Nashville in 1949 and served as an assistant district attorney general for Davidson County from 1952 to 1955; and

WHEREAS, while in private practice, Mr. Neil served with distinction as a member of the Appellate Court Nominating Commission and as a United States Commissioner; and when called upon, Mr. Neil dutifully served as a special judge for the criminal courts, circuit courts, domestic relations court, and probate court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neil's numerous professional affiliations included membership with the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, and Nashville Bar Association, of which he diligently served as director, second vice-president, and first vice-president; and

WHEREAS, with a wealth of knowledge and a great affinity for the law, he was appointed Supreme Court clerk for the Middle Division of Tennessee in 1987, and after interoffice reorganization, he was honorably named special deputy clerk to the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the high state court, Mr. Neil became a member of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks, which recognized his exceptional abilities and subsequently appointed him to their executive committee; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Neil lived in Nashville and gave continuously of his time and talents to make the community he loved a better place; and

WHEREAS, his involvement with the charitable and philanthropic Masonic and Shrine circles was extensive throughout his lifetime and included membership with the 33rd-degree Scottish Rites, the Corinthian Lodge No. 414, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Al Menah Temple, and the Royal Order of Jesters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neil has not only demonstrated a great commitment to his community, but he has also shown his commitment to God through his devotion to Immanuel Baptist Church, giving unreservedly of himself as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, and member of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, a man known for his "great sense of humor" and "folksy Tennessee drawl," Mr. Neil entertained all who knew him with great stories, anecdotes, and jokes for which he will always be remembered; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that this body express its heartfelt condolences to the many friends and family of this fondly remembered Tennessean, including Mr. Neil's wife, Laddie Harton Neil; his three devoted children, Nancy Alice Neil, Albert B. Neil III, and John H. Neil; and his two precious grandchildren; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we pause to mourn the death of Mr. A.B. Neil, Jr., while also celebrating the life of this man whose many successes and selfless contributions will be remembered for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.